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SIR:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO THE
JULY 6, 1999 NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF APPLICATION AND PETITION FOR A FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted in response to the July 6, 1999 Notice to File Missing Parts of Application issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the July 6, 1999 Notice was originally due November 6, 1999. Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time in which to respond to the July 6, 1999 Notice. The fee for a four-month extension is SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$680.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established a small entity status. A check for a total amount of SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$745.00) which includes the \$680.00 fee is enclosed. Therefore, a response is now due January 6, 2000. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) issued in connection with the above-identified application on July 6, 1999, a copy of which is enclosed as **Exhibit A**, applicants submit as **Exhibit B** a Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f) and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63. The Declaration refers

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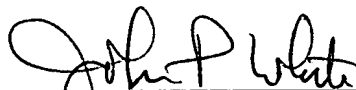
to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date.

The surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f) is SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00) for a small entity. Applicants previously established Small Entity Status. A check for a total amount of \$745.00 is enclosed, which includes the surcharge for filing a Declaration and Power of Attorney.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

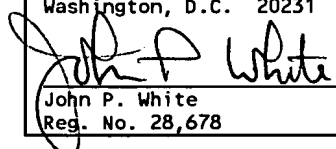
No fee, other than the enclosed \$745.00 which includes the \$680.00 fee for a four-month extension of time and the \$65.00 surcharge for filing a Declaration and Power of Attorney, is deemed necessary in connection with this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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